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SUBJ: W/W: REPATRIATION OF BLACK HEBREWS

REF: TEL AVIV 5932, 5527 AND 5928

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS NO DOUBT AWARE, THE NUMBER OF DISAFFECTED "BLACK HEBREWS" SEEMS TO BE INCREASING. LAST TWO REPATRIATION CASES INFORMED CONSULAR OFFICER THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK HEBREW MOVEMENT WHO MAY COME TO EMBASSY TO REQUEST REPATRIATION AS SOON AS THEY ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN FUNDS TO TRAVEL FROM THEIR SETTLEMENTS IN THE NEGEV TO TEL AVIV. RECENT VISITORS TO EMBASSY FROM THE BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY INDICATED THAT SOME PERSONS ARE BEING DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL BY LEADERS OF THE GROUP. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT BLACK HEBREW LEADERS ARE INTIMIDATING AND HARASSING DISSIDENTS BY ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM LEAVING ISRAEL. SEVERAL WOMEN HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THEIR CHILDREN WERE "TAKEN AWAY" FROM THEM.

2. IF ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT, WE ANTICIPATE SPATE OF REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS FROM BLACK HEBREWS. AS MOST OF THESE PERSONS CLAIM TO HAVE NO RELATIVES OF FRIENDS WHO ARE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO ASSIST THEM, AND AS EMBASSY HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT FAMILIES IN PREVIOUS CASES, WE MAY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SUBMIT REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS ON THEIR BEHALF.

3. FYI: AFFIDAVITS REGARDING DISSENSION IN BLACK HEBREW
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MOVEMENT AND ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF GROUP WERE

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